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Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director of Central Intelligence
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Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

The Subcommittee on Charters and Guidelines of the Senate Select Committee has been reviewing the intelligence provisions of the National Security Act of 1947 and the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949. One of the provisions under review concerns the termination of employment of officers and employees of the Intelligence Community. That provision provides that

"notwithstanding the provisions of section 652 of title 5, or the provisions of any other law, the Director of Central Intelligence may, in his discretion, terminate the employment of any officer or employee of the Agency whenever he shall deem such termination necessary or advisable in the interests of the United States, but such termination shall not affect the right of such officer or employee to seek or accept employment in any other department or agency of the Government if declared eligible for such employment by the United States Civil Service Commission."

I would very much appreciate a statistical breakdown, by year over the past 15 years, of the use of this authority by the Director of Central Intelligence. The breakdown should include the percentage of cases in which individuals terminated under this authority were declared eligible for U.S. Government employment by the Civil Service Commission. Please include a description, year by year, of the types of

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cases involved.

Finally, I would appreciate your views on the necessity for, or the desirability of the Director's retention of such authority.

Thank you very much for your kind assistance.

Very truly yours,



Walter D. Huddleston, Chairman
Subcommittee on Charters
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